

What is claimed is:

1. Business machine network terminal providing services by  
5 transmitting and receiving data to/from other terminals including a  
different function through a network and performing cooperative  
processing with the other terminals, which comprising:

service selecting means for selecting one of the services;

10 processing means for performing processing necessary for the  
selected service; and

15 processing information transmitting means for transmitting to an  
object terminal the service information that is generated on the basis of  
the processing with the processing means, and that is necessary for  
managing the terminals.

2. The business machine network terminal defined in Claim 1,  
wherein the service selecting means decides available services on the basis  
of a list of the terminals necessary for the services and information on the  
terminals connected to the network.

20 3. The business machine network terminal defined in Claim 2, which  
further comprising :

input means with which a user of the terminal can make an entry.

25 4. The business machine network terminal defined in Claim 1,  
wherein the service information includes information necessary for the  
charge for the selected service.

5. The business machine network terminal defined in Claim 4, which further comprising :

processing information managing means for batch management of information on the processing performed by the terminals, which comes under the cooperative processing.

6. The business machine network terminal defined in Claim 4, wherein the object terminal is an information management server for calculating management information on the basis of the service information.

7. The business machine network terminal defined in Claim 4, wherein the object terminal is a business machine network terminal for batch management of information on the processing performed by the terminals, which comes under the cooperative processing.

8. A business machine network information management system for providing services by transmitting and receiving data between business machine network terminals through a network, and by performing cooperative processing with the terminals, the terminals each having a function different from the functions of the other terminals.

wherein the business machine network terminal complies:

service selecting means for selecting one of the services;

processing means for performing processing necessary for the selected service;

processing information transmitting means for transmitting to an information management server the service information that is generated on the basis of the processing with the processing means, and that is

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necessary for managing the terminals; and

wherein the information management server comprises  
management information calculating means for calculating management  
information on the basis of the service information received from the  
terminals.

9. The business machine network information management system  
defined in Claim 8, wherein the service selecting means decides available  
services on the basis of a list of the business machine network terminals  
10 necessary for the services and information on the business machine  
network terminals connected to the network.

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14. The business machine network information management system  
defined in Claim 13, wherein the user information managing means  
5 authenticates the users and the periods for which the users can use the  
services.

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